

# True Counsel

## Somerset County Client Settles



*Michael Paglione*

## Pedestrian Injury Case for \$1.27 Million

A Somerset County woman, suffering from serious, permanent injuries after being struck by a pick up truck, settled her claims against the driver of

the vehicle and her own insurance carrier, which provided underinsured coverage, for a total amount of \$1.27 million dollars. Michael Paglione, a partner with the firm, represented the plaintiff.

The accident occurred in 2009 when our client was struck by a pickup truck after exiting her vehicle. The truck's driver testified that he lost control of his vehicle after sliding on ice. The client suffered significant injuries to her right foot, requiring multiple surgeries and she continues to suffer from arthritis.

The truck driver had liability coverage of \$500,000, an amount inadequate to fully compensate our client given the extent of her injury. Through an investigation Michael determined that the client's husband had additional coverage available from his employer for an accident involving an underinsured motorist. Neither the client nor her husband was aware of the coverage which produced \$770,000 in settlement proceeds.

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**\$1.05 Million Settlement for  
Brain Injury Victim**

**Firm Successful in  
Defeating Effort to  
Dismiss Class Action  
Case**

## Firm Attorneys Receive Prestigious Recognition



*Barry Szaferman*

Nine Szaferman Lakind attorneys have been selected for inclusion on the 2013 New Jersey Super Lawyers or Rising Star lists, based on their credentials and votes by their peers in New Jersey's legal community. *Super Lawyers* is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas.

Barry Szaferman and Daniel Sweetser were named in the practice area of Business and Corporate Law. Arnold Lakind was recognized in General Litigation area. In Family Law, both Jeffrey Epstein and Brian Paul received recognition. Michael Paglione and Craig Hubert were named in the area of Personal Injury Plaintiff.

Robert Panzer and Lindsey Moskowitz Medvin were both named as Rising Stars in the Family Law practice area. Rising Stars are lawyers recognized for their excellent work who are 40 or under, or who have been practicing for 10 years or less.

## Bruce Sattin Named Partner

Bruce M. Sattin became a partner in the law firm effective in January. "We decided to ask Bruce to join us as a partner in recognition of his excellent work and substantial contributions to the firm," said Barry Szaferman, the firm's managing partner.

Sattin has more than 37 years of experience in commercial and residential real estate, zoning and land use, bank financing, general business and corporate law and bankruptcy. He has been of counsel with Szaferman Lakind since 2002.